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## Father Ryan Vandals Repaint M.B.A. Cannons

by Michael Haslam, Reporter

On the Monday before the Big Red basketball team blew Ryan out of their own new gym (57-44), a few really original, and downright funny Father Ryan students decided it would be "real cool" to paint the sacred cannons on M.B.A.'s front lawn. In all honesty, I will say that they did a mighty fine job after several years of sloppy and lazy paint jobs. It was popular belief that the job was performed by some "virtuous" and "pure" Father Ryan girls because it was done so neatly (not to mention that I don't know of many guys who would purposely choose such a pretty shade of

lavender).

The hoodlums thought that they had successfully outwitted the entire M.B.A. community. There was one man on the job - Mr. Laird Smith, M.B.A. alumnus and

Director of Physical Plant here on the Hill.

Apparently, while these mischievous

youngsters were out having the time of their

Smith then jumped in the Mystery Machine



*Ryan Vandals Repaint the Cannons Black*

lives, they forgot one very important rule - remove all evidence from the scene of a crime. Mr. Smith found a can of Behr paint next to the cannons, and guess what... there was still some lavender paint inside it. So Mr. Smith logically deduced that since Behr paint is only sold at Home Depot, the paint was purchased at a Home Depot. Mr.

paint because: 1) not many people buy exterior paint in the middle of winter; 2) the customers said they didn't need a primer; 3) the customers said they were painting metal; 4) it was lavender paint; and 5) the people who bought the paint were twins.

Then Mr. Lynch, an official at Ryan, was contacted

and took a Ryan annual to the Home Depot, where the clerk positively identified the three male seniors. They readily admitted their guilt to Mr. Lynch.

How then were these "gentlemen" to be punished? It was agreed that the punishment should fit the crime and thus, on February 1, the vandals had to repaint our cannons in front of the student body. I hope that this has taught a lesson to the students at that Notre Dame-lovin', purple-wearin', Dudley Field-usin' private school affectionately known as the Evil Empire - no matter what you do to our cannons, good will always win because evil is dumb.

I would like to thank Mr. Regen and the guy at Home Depot for their cooperation and the vandals at Father Ryan for providing us with such great comic material.

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## SPORTS

### Varsity Basketball Looks to District Tourney

by Robert West, Special Events Editor

The M.B.A. basketball team kicked off the holidays with a bid at the Rotary Classic held at David Lipscomb University. This trip followed a sound defeat of Beech High School the Tuesday before the break. The Big Red faced the Mustangs of Lipscomb in the first game. The team fought hard without Andy Barrett, who sat out most of the game in foul trouble, but lost. Determined to avenge this loss, M.B.A. won its final game of the Rotary Classic against Lebanon. Lebanon opened the game with a virtually perfect shooting performance and lead by 15 going into the second half. The Big Red, however, fought hard and regained the lead in the final moments of the game, and

held for a victory.

After Christmas, the team took a road trip to Memphis to play in the Ross M. Lynn Classic at Memphis University School. M.B.A. won the first round game against

Memphis Briarcrest and was the only non-Memphis team to survive the first round. The Big Red then dropped the next two games to Memphis Harding and host M.U.S. Eager to win after back to back losses,

M.B.A. faced McGavock in its first game of 1993. Ben Corbett sank an outside jumper in traffic at the buzzer to

score. The team confronted Father Ryan in its next district game. Despite allowing only three points in the first quarter, M.B.A. ran out of steam and fell in double overtime.

The Big Red journeyed to Overton to challenge the district leaders. Unfortunately, the team dropped another heartbreaker, losing with a last second shot by Overton. The following night, M.B.A. beat Hillsboro 81-70. After exam week, the team crushed cross-state rival

Baylor, winning 60-40.

Seeking to avenge its previous district losses, the Big Red defeated district leader Overton at home convincingly, 65-53. The following Friday, the team journeyed to the Evil Empire in search of another district win. Controlling the game from start to finish, M.B.A. crushed all hopes for an Irish victory with a 9-0 run, consisting of three R.A. Dickey three-pointers in fifteen seconds. With three district games left following last Tuesday's game at Pearl-Cohn, the Big Red seeks to challenge for the District title and gain an automatic berth in the Region tournament. Come support the Big Red in its quest for District and Region titles!



*Ben Corbett protects the ball from Hillsboro*

give M.B.A. 49-48 win. On Friday, January 8, the Big Red journeyed to district foe Whites Creek. M.B.A. was lead by R.A. Dickey who had 28 points and seven three-pointers, but was unable to pull out a vic-

### Varsity Wrestling Update

By Barrett Rose, Reporter

The Big Red Wrestling Team has continued its long season by wrestling well against tough competition. In home matches this year, the team has racked up victories against opponents such as Hillwood and Mt. Juliet. In tournament competition as well, the Big Red has made fine showings despite the youth of the team. In the Overton tournament before Christmas,

Glenn Gaston's first place finish helped the Big Red to finish respectably in the middle of the pack. In the Father Ryan Invitational, the wrestlers again made a tremendous effort, placing Glenn Gaston first and Barrett Rose fifth place.

As the wrestling season draws to a close, the wrestling team must still face Brentwood Academy,

McGavock, Hunters Lane, and Stratford in dual matches. More importantly, the team hopes to peak at the Region 6 tournament at M.B.A. on the 12 and 13 of February in an attempt to send wrestlers to the State tournament in Chattanooga the following weekend. Hopefully, the team will continue to work hard and gain valuable experience for the years ahead.

#### DISTRICT 11-AAA STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	OVERALL
OVERTON	9	2	20-3
W. CREEK	7	3	19-3
M.B.A.	6	3	16-7
RYAN	6	4	18-6
HILLWOOD	3	7	9-11
HILLSBORO	2	7	7-11
PEARL-COHN	2	8	9-12

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